

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1139

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Nina Wood of Hendersonville on her selection as Sumner County Teacher of the Year and an Upper Cumberland Region Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Nina Wood is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood has recently been selected as Sumner County Teacher of the Year for Grades 10-12 and as one of twenty-seven Upper Cumberland Region Teachers of the Year, honors most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as they recognize the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, dedicated to education in her personal life as well as in her professional career, Mrs. Wood loved her teachers during her student days at Hillsboro High School, where she participated in debate and the Forensics Club; and

WHEREAS, she credits her parents for her decision to become an educator, having said, "Both of my parents were the kind of teachers who loved their job. They weren't the kind who came home and complained about kids. Teaching was really their passion, and they were always enthusiastic about it"; and

WHEREAS, knowing the tremendous value of education, she attended night classes during her teaching years to earn a Doctorate of Education; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and



WHEREAS, for thirteen years, Nina Wood has served with acumen and alacrity as an educator; currently, she employs her supreme talents as the Journalism and Honors Writing Teacher at Hendersonville High School (HHS), where she has also taught every level of English; she previously enlightened young minds at Shafer Middle School, Tennessee State University, and Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, at every post during her outstanding career, Mrs. Wood has earned the unbridled respect and admiration of her students and their parents for the exemplary quality of her service; and

WHEREAS, also the sponsor of the school newspaper, Mrs. Wood is a true leader among her peers, having served as Chair of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Steering Committee for HHS and Title I Support Team Facilitator for the Center for Excellence in Basic Skills and having led Staff Development Committees at HHS; and

WHEREAS, her professional excellence is obvious to all, and it has led not only to her current recognition as Teacher of the Year, but also her previous selection for a Time Trackers Goals Grant in 2000 and the Outstanding Graduate Research Award in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; they all have the utmost admiration for the woman who has only one rule in her classroom: show respect; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active and invaluable member of her community and has positively impacted numerous community organizations and causes; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, she is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Mark Wood, and is the proud and devoted mother of three children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Wood truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Nina Wood of Hendersonville on being



chosen as Sumner County Teacher of the Year for Grades 10-12 and an Upper Cumberland Region Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.